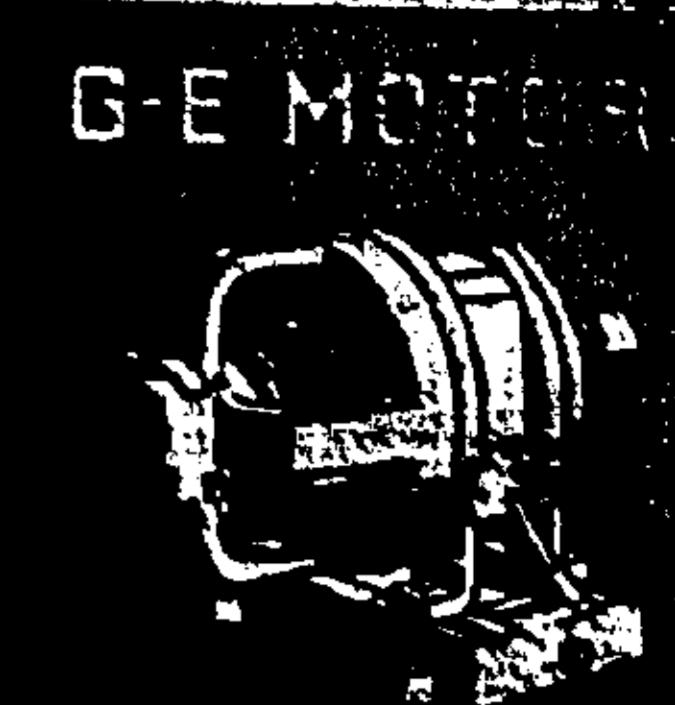


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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

FRANCE'S ECONOMIC POSITION.

Great Revival Expected.

Paris, December 12. In a recent article in the *Revue Internationale*, the former Finance Minister, M. Klotz, gives substantial reasons for expecting in the near future an economic revival of great magnitude. M. Klotz points that out as a direct consequence of Alsace Lorraine's return to her, France will soon occupy second place amongst the iron and steel producing countries immediately after the United States and far ahead of other European countries. For the same reason the capacity of the French textile industry will be increased by forty per cent. France is now nearly self-supporting regarding chemicals, notably fertilizers. Moreover, the delay allowed for computing the exact figure of the German indemnity expires in May next and by that time France will own a regular mortgage, greatly exceeding her external debt, which, besides, is to decrease automatically with every advance in French exchange consequent upon the development of the French export trade.—*V.R.*

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, December 14.

The Premier went to Tientsin on the 12th and signed an agreement for a loan of ten million dollars with an American merchant. He returned to Peking on the following day.

In reply to Chung Jok-lin's proposal to assist Kwongsai by instructing the authorities of Hunan and Fookien to attack Kwangtung to two sides, the Government has declared that such an act would violate the union mandate. They can only supply ammunition to Luk Wing-tung to fight to the last.

Shanghai, December 14.

Lung Chai-kwang, former Tuchun of Canton, left Peking on the 12th instant. It is said that he is on the way to Kwongsai to join Luk Wing-tung.

Both the Peking and Military Governments have requested the Diplomatic Corps not to advance money to the opposition factions.

Other Early and Special Telegrams in Pages 2 and 3.

DAY BY DAY.

ART CLUB EXHIBITION.

The American destroyer "110" arrived in port this morning.

The Hon. Mr. A.G.M. Fletcher leaves for Home on ten months furlough on New Year's Day by the s.s. Sicilia.

The completion of the two new tanks has added 8,000 tons to the crude oil fuel capacity of the A.P.C. installation at North Point.

The attention of readers is directed to the advertisements giving details of revised arrangements for the Repulse Bay and Hongkong Hotels during the Christmas and New Year season.

Members of the Scottish Platoon of the H.K.V. Defence Corps, and others interested, are invited to attend a meeting at the Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on the 17th inst. for the purpose of discussing recruiting for the unit.

Two hundred and fifty rounds of ammunition and brand-new revolver formed the substance of a charge preferred against a Chinese at the Police Court this morning. It was stated that he came from Canada and was arrested whilst taking ship to Canton yesterday to proceed to his native village. A fine of \$150 was inflicted by Mr. Smith, the arms being ordered to be confiscated.

An important exhibition of machine tools, organised by the Machine Tools Trade Association, was held at Olympia, London, during the month of September. The display of machine tools was the most comprehensive ever held under one roof in the United Kingdom and the Exhibition proved to be an enormous success from every point of view. The official catalogue of the exhibits, which was prepared by the Association, comprises 415 pages and contains the names of all exhibiting firms, as well as descriptive notes of the machine tools displayed. This catalogue is now on file at the office of the Commercial Secretary to His Majesty's Legation, New Government Building, Hongkong, and may be inspected by any person interested in the sub-

INTERPORT CRICKET.

Invitation from Shanghai:

Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club, sends us the following copy of a letter received from the President of the Shanghai Cricket Club:

Shanghai, 8th December, 1920.

F. Maitland Esq.

President,

Hongkong Cricket Club.

Dear Maitland,

On behalf of the team we sent to Hongkong and all the members of the Shanghai Cricket Club, I wish to thank you and all those who so greatly assisted to give our followers such an enjoyable time, and I can assure you they have all returned expressing their high appreciation of the kindness shown to them during their stay in Hongkong.

The matches played during your Cricket Carnival resulted in most interesting games, and you are much to be congratulated on the fine results. We are all very pleased with the performance of the eleven we were able to send, but as you well know how difficult it is to get a representative team to play away from home.

I can assure you a cordial welcome is extended to the Hongkong Cricket Eleven, who we hope will be able to arrive in Shanghai some time in May next year.

(Signed) A. P. WOOD
President

WATER SUPPLY.

The Government and Wastage by Chinese.

With regard to the statement made by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak at a meeting of Chinese yesterday, that information had been obtained from Government quarters which indicated that the rider main and meter system of water supply would be abolished and that the revenue (\$200,000) expected by the Government from the scheme would be made good by a slight increase in the rates and taxes, we interviewed the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Colonial Secretary, this morning, on the subject.

Mr. Fletcher said: "At the present time, houses in the rider main district have no meters, with the result that there is a full supply of water and they give houses as much water as they want, paying nothing for it beyond the 13 per cent. under Rates and Taxes. All meter houses who use in excess of their assessment have to pay excess assessment. We have found that in the rider main district there is a very large excess which cannot be checked. The present proposal is to make some increases in the rider main district to cover the charge for that excess consumption. The question of meters is standing over, and the Government will be pleased to hear what the Chinese community have to say. There are numerous difficulties which have to be faced and solved. We know what the excess consumption is. In the old days, before the Tytan Tuk Reservoir was opened, these people were under a disability because for a very considerable part of the year they ran short of their supply and had to get their water from the street mains. Therefore, we did not charge them because they did not use excess water. Now with the Tytan Tuk reservoir in working order there is no restriction and there is no shortage in winter, with the result that the Chinese turn the tap on and waste the water."

Mr. Fletcher added that he was unable to say anything at present as to a possible increase in the rates and taxes in the rider main districts to compensate for the loss of revenue caused by the adoption of the meter system.

Col. Bowen expressed thanks to Lady Stubbs for her kindness in distributing the prizes.

A.D.C. PRODUCTION.

Financial Result of Dunsany Plays.

The recent production by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club of the Dunsany plays has resulted in a sum of \$1,645.34 being secured, after meeting all expenses, for the China Famine Fund. This sum represents 42.11 per cent. of the income.

The above figures are taken from a financial statement sent us today by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote) and certified as correct by Mr. G.S. Archibald, chartered accountant. This statement shows that the total receipts were \$3,907.20, made up of \$3,495.50 for bookings and \$411.70 for sale of programmes. The expenditure was as follows:—Theatre charges, \$427.50 (10.94 percent of the income); costumes and scenery, \$884.35 (22.64 percent); printing and advertising, \$792.35 (20.28 percent); wages and sundries, \$157.66 (4.03 percent). These items total \$2,261.86, leaving a balance, as stated, of \$1,645.34.

WARWICK COMEDY COMPANY.

"A Woman of No Importance."

Last night's play at the Theatre Royal was certainly one of the best that the Warwick Comedy Company has put on during its present season. The works of Wilde need no newspaper praise and the play under review—"A Woman of No Importance" needs no telling to a reading public. A satire on the "Society" life of Oscar Wilde's day and on the social system that permits a woman to suffer all the shame and pain of unmarried motherhood, the play has long since been famous as one of the masterpieces of the legitimate stage.

Not only because of its dramatic art but also because of its brilliant dialogue, its complement of witty and epigrammatic repartees, the play is a literary gem—a play to be read as well as acted.

In the matter of presentation, the Company achieved a distinct success. As Mrs. Arbutnott, the central character of the play, Miss Lena Flowerdew proved her unquestionable artistry. It was a difficult role to take, but one which was carried through to the life. Miss Flowerdew can be ranked amongst the successful "lead" of the Company.

Mr. N. Thorpe-Mayne made a very realistic Lord Illingworth, the Society success but moral failure. The characterisation was well-nigh perfect. The American heiress, Hester Worsley, was impersonated with decided freshness by Miss Marjory Clark and Mr. Tom Fenwick as Gerald Arbutnott added to the reality of the piece. The remainder of the long and strong cast helped to make up a presentation that was deservedly appreciated.

To-night the London success "Brown Sugar" is being given. The present proposal is to make some increases in the rider main district to cover the charge for that excess consumption. The question of meters is standing over, and the Government will be pleased to hear what the Chinese community have to say. There are numerous difficulties which have to be faced and solved. We know what the excess consumption is. In the old days, before the Tytan Tuk Reservoir was opened, these people were under a disability because for a very considerable part of the year they ran short of their supply and had to get their water from the street mains. Therefore, we did not charge them because they did not use excess water. Now with the Tytan Tuk reservoir in working order there is no restriction and there is no shortage in winter, with the result that the Chinese turn the tap on and waste the water."

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1st: "Dawn" (Mrs. McPherson).

Highly Commended: "Poster (Miss Humphreys)."

BLACK AND WHITE.

1st: "The Dryad" (Mrs. Humphreys).

Highly Commended: "Fancy Dress" (Mrs. Humphreys), "Black and White Drawing" (Mrs. Humphreys), "Sketches (Miss Birinkova), "In the Taikoo Dock" (Mrs. McPherson), "Book Plate" (Miss Britton).

PORTRAITS.

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CHINESE STUDENTS IN BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 13.

The China Association in London has issued a memorandum dealing with the education of Chinese students in Britain. It suggests that following the example of the United States, Britain should divert £100,000 yearly from the Boxer indemnity to the maintenance of such students and emphasises the resultant advantages to British trade.

SOVIET'S ULTIMATUM TO LITHUANIA.

London, Dec. 13.

A Lithuanian official telegram from Kowno says that the Soviet troops are concentrating in the direction of Vilna. The Government of Moscow has issued an ultimatum to Lithuania that they cannot tolerate the presence of allied or neutral troops in Vilna as it is contrary to the Russo-Lithuanian peace treaty of July.

(Continued on page 5.)



COMPANY REPORT.

China Light And Power Co., (1918), Ltd.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the second ordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., to be held at the offices of the Company, on Thursday, 23rd December, at 11 a.m. states.

The General Managers have now to lay before the shareholders a statement of accounts and balance sheet for the 12 months ending 30th September, 1920. The gross Profit for the

above period is \$25,042.86 After allowing for —

Interest... \$11,377.07 Writing off for depreciation on the Co.'s Lines, Buildings & Machinery, &c. 19,115.46 Consulting Committee's and Auditors' Fees 2,000.00 63,392.53

The Balance to be dealt with is \$141,650.33

which it is proposed to appropriate as follows, viz:—

To write off Goodwill account \$25,000.00

To place to Credit of Staff's Provident Fund 3,500.00

To Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts 5,100.00

To pay dividend of 10% \$8,000.00

\$111,650.33

Consulting Committee—in accordance with the Articles of Association the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs G. W. Barber, A. H. Gompont, and T. F. Hough retire, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs F. Maidland and A. R. Lowe. Messrs F. Maidland and A. R. Lowe are eligible for reappointment.

SINCON, TACK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1920.

Consulting Committee fees \$ 2,500.00

Auditors fees 400.00

Interest..... 11,377.07

Amount written off as depreciation for 1919-1920 49,115.46

Balance 141,650.33

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Balance from Working Account \$ 205,042.86

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BALANCE SHEET.

Capital—Authorized Capital \$900,000 shares at \$1, each \$1,000,000.00

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Deposit with Colonial Treasurer		5,000.00
		35,826.50
		\$1,308,455.36

GENERAL NEWS.

PROFITABLE PARK CONCERTS. Glasgow park concerts last season made £672 profit.

CIVIL SERVANTS NOT TO JOIN LABOUR PARTY.

As the result of a referendum taken on the instructions of its last annual conference, the Customs and Excise Federation has rejected a proposal to seek affiliation with the Labour party.

ROCKEFELLER BENEFACtions. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, junior, announces that his father has provided nearly \$64,000,000 towards the Laura Rockefeller Memorial, established in memory of his wife, who died in 1915. Mr. Rockefeller's total benefactions amount to nearly half a billion dollars.

SHIYUKAI meeting at Wakayama, at which Mr. Hart was present, passed resolutions favouring international justice, development of sound national thought, a positive industrial policy, common education a fixed food policy, railway extension, and riparian work.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 2.)

UNITED STATES NAVY.

Washington, Dec. 12. The annual report of Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the United States Navy, states that the present fleet is adequate if the United States enters the League of Nations, otherwise he recommends the construction in the next three years of 3 battleships, 30 cruisers, one battle cruiser, 8 gunboats, 18 destroyers and 18 submarines. There are at present under construction 11 battleships, 6 battle cruisers and 120 auxiliaries. Mr. Daniels still considers the battleships the backbone of the fleet.

Mr. Daniels referring to the respective merits of the capital ship and submarine contended that history had shown that for every new weapon brought against the battleship a new organ of defence had been invented. He mentioned that Japan had laid down five capital ships since the Armistice. Nevertheless, he said, the submarine, unless internationally outlawed, had come to stay and the ruthless use of it by the Germans had not altered the fact that in a large field of submarine warfare were of legitimate use.

GERMAN CABLES.

Washington, Dec. 13. The differences in connection with the distribution of German cables were settled at a plenary session of the International Communications Conference. The negotiations continue on a basis of an agreement which has not been disclosed.

BRITISH PEACE MISSION.

Delhi, Dec. 13. An official British Mission is proceeding to Kabul to conclude peace with Afghanistan. The announcement has been welcomed generally in India. It is opined that this will quieten frontier unrest.

DANISH ROYALTY IN ROME.

Rome, Dec. 13. The King and Queen of Denmark have arrived in Rome and have been received by the King and Queen of Italy, Senator, Deputies and the Mayor of the municipality. They reviewed the troops and were given an ovation.

TIBETAN TRADERS ALARMED.

London, Dec. 13. A Bombay telegram states that Tibetan traders arriving at Kilmpong report that five thousand Chinese troops are massing on the borders of Tibet. The authorities at Lhasa are taking precautions. It is also reported that parties of Turks appeared on the northern borders of Tibet to enlist the sympathy of the Mongolians.

FRANCO-TURKISH ENCOUNTER.

Paris, Dec. 13. Unofficial information reports a Franco-Turkish encounter 40 miles South-East of Latakia, in which Turkish raiders captured prisoners and material.

INDIAN OPIUM FOR HONGKONG.

Delhi, Dec. 13. At the request of the Hongkong Government, the Indian Government has agreed to renew the agreement for a direct supply of opium and fixed a price for five years beginning 1921.

GOLD AND SILVER.

London, Dec. 13. In the House of Commons the Government agreed to fix the time limit of the Gold and Silver Bill at five years. The Bill passed its third reading.

A NEWSPAPER HOLIDAY.

No newspaper shall be published in England December 23rd, 24th and 25th.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

A NEW MALAYAN INDUSTRY.

The Times of Malaya publishes a description of the plant of the newly-formed Malayan China-clay and Pottery Company. Valuable beds of China-clay exist in Perak and the new company is working one on the Gopeng Consolidated property. Doctor W. R. Jones, the well-known geologist, is the Managing Director. The Kaolin beds at Gopeng are said to compare favourably with the best Cornish. At present the plant is experimental, but will produce 6,000 tons per annum.

MANILA REPORT.

Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co., Ltd., under date Manila, November 15, state:—There have been no Hempt transactions reported since our last issue. There is, however, a weaker feeling in the market, due to financial stringency, and there would probably be sellers at prices. With no encouraging news from outside Sugar markets some holders have been ready to accept lower prices offered by Chinese buyers, resulting in a few transactions. The Copra market is weaker in sympathy with the decline in consuming markets. The Coal market is steady on the basis of the following prices.—Best Japanese Lump P43.00 per ton ex-ship duty paid; Australian P45.00 per ton ex-ship duty paid. The rice market has been quiet during the past fortnight and prices have declined further. The last quotation from Saigon is Piastres 5.50 per picul f.o.b., which is equal to a laid down cost of P9.44 per cavan of 57½ kilos duty paid. The Flour Market is quiet, and very little business is passing. Lower prices are anticipated, but conditions are very uncertain and we look for news of a big decline in the American market at any moment.

SHANGHAI COAL.

Messrs. Wheelock & Co.'s Coal Report dated Shanghai, 2nd December, states: Japan Coal.—Since writing a fortnight ago Sellers have issued their prices for 1921 requirements and most of the larger consumers have settled their contracts at prices which show a considerable increase over those for this year; this is entirely due to exchange which stood a week ago at Taels 52.00 for 100 yen again; last year's rate of Taels 34.00 on settling day; this means that exchange shows a drop of about 100% as compared with last year; and although prices to-day are lower in Japan than they were a year ago they are not low enough to compensate for the enormous difference in exchange. Fushun Coal.—No change. Kaiping Coal.—Some large contracts have been fixed this week for 1921 deliveries at prices slightly in advance of those for 1920. There are indications of a shortage in all Washed Coal. Temporary congestion of tonnage is again being experienced at the port of loading due to shortage of rolling stock between the Mines and Chian-wangtiao. Cardiff Coal.—Another shipment of about 1,070 tons of Cardiff coal has just arrived per s.s. "Java" and has been landed here for Government use.

T. S. STEEL.

It is stated that there is no prospect that domestic demand for American steel will revive in the near future. There is no place where an increased demand could come in this period of general readjustment. By common consent men are waiting for the arrival of the new basis on which business is to proceed. In some quarters it is thought there will be a slight revival in general business activity immediately after the Election, but nothing of great importance is expected. As to export demand, not a great deal can be expected. British steel prices, which had attained even higher heights than American, are declining and orders are being sought. Germany and Belgium have been getting into production. At best, the entire demand of the non-producing countries is not very large, compared with American steel producing capacity. Mr. E. H. Gary, its Chairman, states that the United States Steel Corporation has advised subsidiaries that the present basis of selling prices for all commodities be continued in force until it becomes necessary to make changes on account of altered conditions. Testimony that three-fourths of the wrought steel industry of America is controlled by three powerful corporations, with prices usually absolutely uniform, was given in the building trust enquiry by John C. Cornell, ironmonger exporter.

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SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

The Eastern Commission of the British National Council for combatting venereal diseases will open their conferences on Wednesday. The Chairman of the Municipal Council will preside at the opening.

STRAITS INCOME TAX.

Singapore, Dec. 14.

The Income Tax Renewal Bill has been referred to a Select Committee for report.

WORLD OF SPORT.

Ringside seats for the Dempsey-Carpenter fight are to cost £4 apiece.

A Newport message says that Jerry Shea is matched against Tom Gummer for the middle-weight championship of Great Britain and the Lonsdale Belt.

In his young days Tom Connelly, whose trainer's licence has been reviewed, was a noted athlete, a member of the Calford Harriers and a keen Rugby football player.

There was an attendance of over 12,000 at the International match at Sunderland between England and Ireland, and total receipts were £12,244 16s.

SINGAPORE MUTINY.

Singapore, Dec. 14.

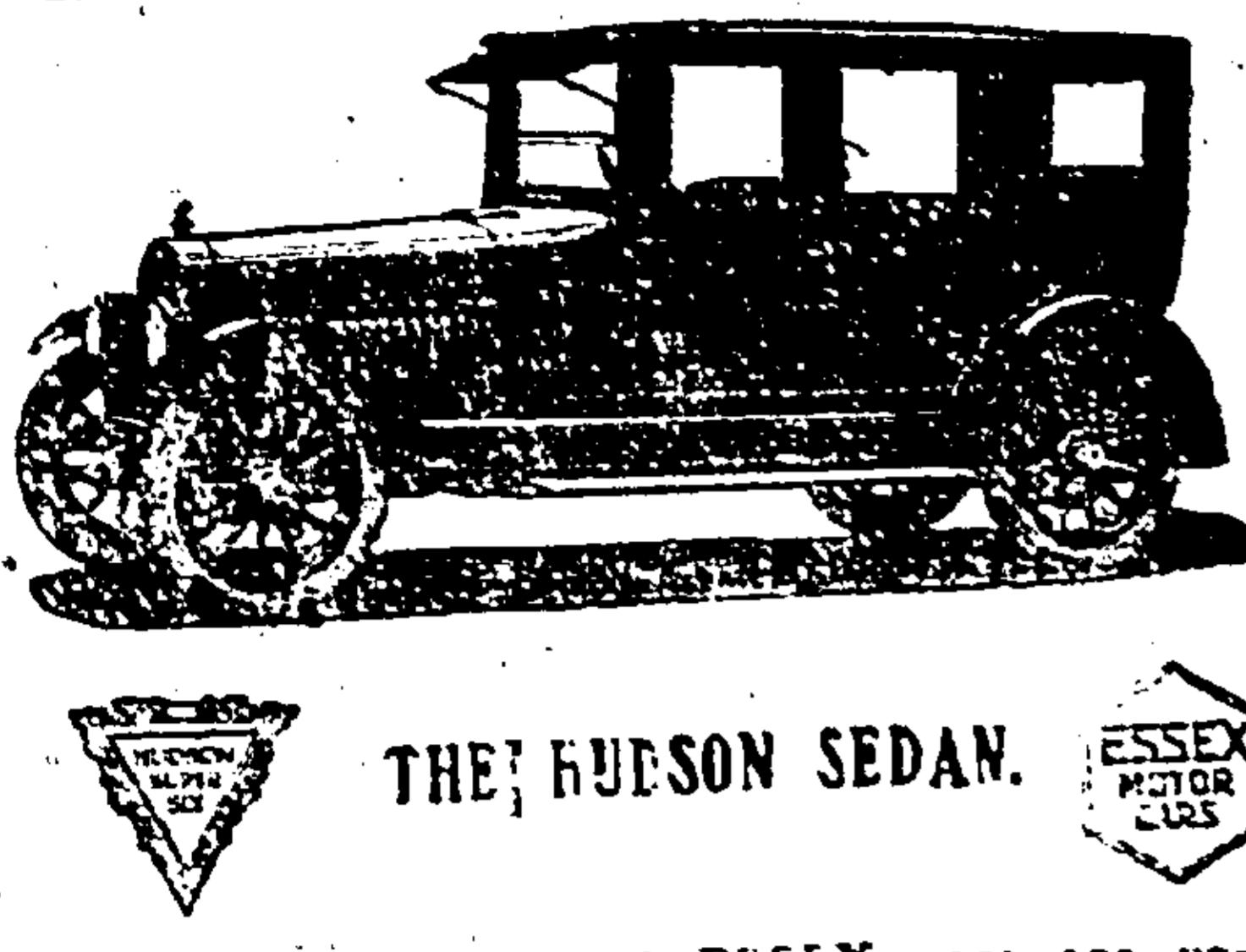
At the Legislative Council, the unofficial members requested that

the report of the enquiry as to the Singapore mutiny of 1915 be

tabled.

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TEMPERANCE SENTIMENT.

Its Growth In Scotland.

In an interview with a Press representative the Rev. James Barr, B.D., Glasgow, gave some account of his "No-Licence" campaign throughout Scotland. He had traversed the kingdom from Kirkcudbright to the Shetland Islands, and he was gratified at the growth of the Temperance sentiment. Some places, it was true, showed apathy, and, from a number, not a great deal was to be expected on this first occasion. That remark applied mainly to rural districts, and a part explanation was that such localities had not had the same object lessons of the evil of drink as industrial centres. Of the 345 burghs and wards of burghs in Scotland however, only about 24 would be uncontested. A great many of the provincial towns, he thought, would do splendidly, and he was especially impressed by the prospects in the fishing towns along the Moray Firth.

WOMEN AND LABOUR.

The Act itself had been the means of stimulating interest in the Temperance question, and especially the requirement of a requisition. Other reasons of the awakened interest included the enfranchisement of women. The prominent part which women might play was strikingly reflected in plebiscites taken during the war. In Clydebank, for instance, while the voting of men for war-time prohibition was in the proportion of 215 to 1, the proportion of women was 9 to 1. In Barrhead the figures were men 6 to 1, women 20 to 1. At Alva the proportion was 358 men to 976 women. A great impetus had been imparted by the declarations of organised Labour. The Annual Scottish Divisional Congress of the Independent Labour Party Paisley on 4th January supported Prohibition as against Nationalisation, and called on the workers to vote "No-Licence." On 18th February the Glasgow Trades and Labour Council also supported Prohibition; and on 29th April the Scottish Trades Congress strongly urged all Trade Unions to vote for "No-Licence." The influence of the churches had also counted for a good deal. All the churches had carried "No-Licence" with the exception of the Episcopalian which was in favour rather of an improved public-house, and the Roman Catholic Church which remained neutral.

BEN TILLETT'S FORMER VIEWS.

With reference to Mr. Ben Tillet's visit to Scotland Mr. Barr recalled a speech delivered by Mr. Tillet at Newcastle in October, 1892. In the course of that speech Mr. Tillet said he wished that they could get up a drink scare. The alcohol microscope was not half such a decent chap as the cholera microscope. Every man who spent a cent on drink robbed his wife. Every cent spent on drink was so much taken away from trade and so much taken away from the worker who might have better chance were trade in a better condition. The decay and degradation of many of the labour leaders had emanated from the table of the rich men, who had

INDIAN GOVERNMENT.

Condemnation of Non-co-operation.

Addressing a crowded audience on Monday evening at the Crook Hall, Madras, under the presidency of Mr. L. A. Govindarajah Iyer, Mr. Eardley Norton said they were now standing at the parting of the ways, and it depended upon them which way they intended to follow—the path that could lead to success and victory or that would lead to destruction and chaos. He advised them to accept the reforms as the first instalment of the greater reforms yet to come. He regretted the Brahmin and non-Brahmin feeling in Madras Presidency and said the only outcome of it must be the non-Brahmins must educate their children the same as the Brahmins and not reserve seats and keep back progress of the whole nation until they were able to run equal in the race. Progress could only be fostered by clasping hands against the common foe.

Turning to non-co-operation he said the question was whether they were going to allow themselves to go more strong on their country or were they going to drive their children of education and postpone it because of a man of picturesque ideals like Mr. Gandhi. They were asked to sacrifice not only themselves but their unfortunate children who could not act for themselves. It was neither wisdom nor policy nor honesty. They should not merely protest against it, but they should say they would not have it. They were asked to commit that which was absolutely political suicide (tries of "no," "no"). Mr. Norton continuing said if they stopped the education of their brothers and children they would be inflicting injury of an irreparable character. Referring to the Khilafat he said they joined hands with Mahomedans in the Khilafat. Some Mahomedans from a religious point of view believed in what they said, but the majority of them did not care for it.

There was some disturbance, and Mr. Norton proceeded to point out that the Khilafat was a question concerning Europeans and Indians. Englishmen were fighting for the Mahomedans, but their hands were fettered. He wanted the Mahomedans and Hindus to be united on matters of principle.

In reply to a question he appealed to them not to follow Ireland.

DISTILLERS BUSY.

Then comes this:

More than three-fourths of the malt whisky produced in Scotland comes from the Highlands (writes a special correspondent). I made some inquiries as to what effect prohibition in Scotland would have upon the distilleries, and was authoritatively informed that the home trade is so small, comparatively, that some of the big blenders do not care whether they have it or not.

Whatever happens to the home demand for whisky, the requirements for export are steadily mounting up. Further, the export trade pays better than the home trade.

All over Scotland distilleries are making preparation for a record season. In order to get an early start, many of them have secured supplies of English and foreign barley, as the harvest in Aberdeenshire and other large barley growing districts in Scotland is exceptionally late this year. Large quantities of grain have come from California, and, in some instances, from Yorkshire.

In Speyside most of the distilleries are under-staffed, the dearth of houses being a bar to the securing of more labour.

A number of firms have submitted plans to the Scottish Board of Health for extension of buildings, extra railway sidings are being laid down, contracts placed for new tracks while cooperers have never been so busy making casks.

Whisky stocks are, of course, very low, by reason of the fact that for about two years during the war there was no distilling, so that despite the fivefold increase in the price of barley, as compared with normal times, and very high excise duties, distillers have never been so busy and have never anticipated such a prosperous time ahead.

It was of interest to learn, in view of the coal situation, that the distillers have been officially notified that, in the event of a strike, the enormous supplies of coal which they stored during the slack season may have to be com-
mandered.

BRUNNER MOND'S GIFT OF £100,000.

The decision by the shareholders of Messrs. Brunner Mond & Co. to give £100,000 out of reserve to certain universities, or scientific institutions for the furtherance of scientific education and research in India, was welcomed by a shareholder in the Court of Chancery.

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FRIDAY Dec. 17th.	The Ever-popular "ELIZA COMES TO STAY."
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Booking at MOUTRIE'S.

NOTICE.

MADAME FLINT has arrived from Paris with a large assortment of Evening and Afternoon Gowns, Costumes, Capes, Millinery, Furs, etc. which we are marking off, and will be on show for the 15th of December.

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THE SECOND ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held
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St. George's Building, Chater
Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on
THURSDAY the 23rd December,
1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon,
for the purpose of receiving a
statement of accounts and the
report of the General Managers
for the year ended 30th September,
1920, and electing a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of
the Company will be closed from
FRIDAY the 17th December 1920
until THURSDAY the 23rd
December, 1920, both days
inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1920.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The Offices and Stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 22nd, 25th and 27th instant and on the 1st and 2nd January, 1921.

W. G. LAY.

Commissioner of Chinese
Customs, Kowloon and District.
York Buildings,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1920.

NOTICE.

Mrs. P. H. Holyoak will be "At
Home" to her friends at 143
Barker Road, Peak, on Monday
the 20th and Tuesday the 21st
December.

NOTICE.

LADIES GOLF.

Annual General meeting will
be held at 11 a.m. on Friday
January 6th at the Helena May
Institute. It is hoped that all
lady golfers will be present.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL, KOWLOON.

Exhibition Game

Wednesday, 15th Dec. 1920.

Mr. T. B. Golding

Capt. E. B. Green

600 up. Commencing at 9 p.m.

NOTICE.

MIN RIVER CONSERVANCY.

Notification No. 9.

Notice is hereby given that
TENDERS are invited for a vertical
boiler about four feet in diameter
and nine feet in height, either new or used, together with
the usual steam and water mountings
suitable for use on a Priestman Dredger. Tenders will be
considered only on boilers in good
working condition.

Tenders stating dimension with
other particulars of the boilers and
mountings, term, time of delivery,
etc., will be received up to 21st
December by the Honorary Secretary
and Treasurer of the Min River
Conservancy.

The Conservancy does not bind
itself to accept the lowest or any
tender.

P. R. WALSHAM.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer
of the Min River Conservancy
Foochow, 30th November, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received
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1920.

commencing at 11 a.m.
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5 Casts Steel Springs
1 Case Magneto, Spark Plugs,
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"DANFA"	25th Jan.	London, Amsterdam & Hamburg
"IXION"	5th Feb.	London, Amsterdam & Antwerp

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(Direct or via Continental Ports)

"DEMOCRUS"	24th Dec.	Genoa, Liverpool & Glasgow
"ALCINOUS"	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, Havre & Liverpool
"HECTOR"	11th Jan.	Liverpool
"BELLEROPHON"	19th Jan.	Genoa, Marseilles & Liverpool

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(via Kobe and Yokohama)

"TYNDAREUS"	30th Dec.	Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma and
"TEUCER"	1st Feb.	Vancouver
"PROTESILAUS"	13th Feb.	

NEW YORK SERVICE

(via Suez or Panama)

"TYDEUS"	via Suez	16th January.
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HOMEWARD PASSENGER SERVICE

"PYRRHUS"	21st December	for London direct
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Goods not cleared by the 18th December, 1920 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th December, 1920 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

LOS ANGELES PACIFIC
NAVIGATION CO.United States Shipping Board
Emergency Fleet Corporation.CHAS. E. RICHARDSON,
Agent.

Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1920.

CONSIGNEES.

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bill of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed, and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 20th inst. by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be recognized after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 20th Dec. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on Dec. 20th at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a week of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after Dec. 2st will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

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"SHIDZUOKA MARU"

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Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 13th inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th inst. or they will be subject to rent.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon To-day.

Goods so cleared by the 19th Dec. 1920, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1920.

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 20th Dec. by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 20th Dec. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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AN INDUSTRIAL ARMISTICE.

The subject of industrial relations continues to attract much attention at Home, as well it might, considering all that is bound up with it. A large portion of the advice tendered is well-meant rather than well-thought-out, the suggestions tending to resolve themselves into generalities. To be sure it is not astonishing that would-be reformers are often unprepared with detailed programmes, for the magnitude of the Capital and Labour problem is enough to give pause to the most resolute mind. As a starting-point it is well to emphasise the need of harmony by way of counterpoise to the trouble-making elements in the situation. One may conclude that this has been sufficiently done, alike by Capital, the sane elements in the Labour movement, and by sociologists in general. The industrial world is then confronted with the all-important question of concrete proposals. It is, as we have said, a task to tax the resourcefulness and courage of the ablest optimist. Probably Dr. Welldon was fairly near the mark when he called for heart-to-heart talks with Labour. If anything can dispel the atmosphere of suspicion and misunderstanding that we are told exists—as, indeed, it manifestly does—on the part of a large section of Labour, it should be a candid investigation of the difficulties.

This is the stand that has been taken by Sir Charles Wakefield, an ex-Lord Mayor of London. It is fitting that one of the City kings should make a move in this matter. The Lord Mayors of London have been leaders of commerce and industry from the days of the semi-legendary Whittington—semi-legendary, we say, because while Richard was real enough that tale of a poor boy's sore-footed trudge to London town has a dubious look considering that Dick was the son of a knight. Sir Charles Wakefield is a member of a large firm connected with the oil industry. His suggestion is that a great representative conference should be called, representing in equal numbers Capital and Labour, to which the Government should give the fullest possible information on the world-need for British goods, the causes of the prevalent dislocation on international trade, and the prospects of improvement. "Given good-will," states Sir Charles, "I have faith that, with a full knowledge of what is in our power to do to restore something like pre-war stability here and throughout Europe, such a conference would be willing to settle down to discuss, in appropriate sections, the details of a definite truce to disputes for a definite period. I have suggested five years, but a working agreement for three years would be invaluable."

As broad lines for investigation by sub-committees of the conference by Sir Charles suggests:—(1).—An attempt to standardize wages schemes on the basis of a cost-of-living movable scale, either for the period of the truce or so long as the excess profits tax, or any similar measure, is in force; (2).—Methods of increasing output, and establishing production under undisturbed conditions; (3).—A limitation of working hours with the double purpose of avoiding over-fatigue to the workers and of absorbing the maximum number of those at present unemployed; and (4).—In co-operation with the Government and European Powers, manufacturers and workers to evolve a scheme for using our products in re-establishing the impoverished peoples and industries of Europe. This is an ambitious programme, and goes farther than the kindred suggestions made a little while ago by Lord Weir, who proposed a two-year truce. This would be a boon, but if the parties can so well agree why limit the duration of the pact to two, three, or even five years? Not to be over-hopeful, however, one would be ready to proclaim a two or three years' truce as a memorable achievement. It might well be the herald of a better era. Sir Charles' scheme differs somewhat from Lord Weir's in that the latter is for longer hours to secure maximum production during the period of the truce, while Sir Charles favours limitation of hours so as to absorb the unemployed. This is a matter for adjustment on the basis of the unemployment position. The last of Sir Charles' recommendations opens a wide vista. If it could be adopted—perhaps, as it author suggests, under the auspices of the League of Nations—it would be a very notable step towards resetting the industrial position in Continental Europe. The proposals of the International Financial Conference at Brussels in regard to credits might here be taken into account. Sir Charles does well to point the analogy with the war period, during which, though strikes occurred here and there, the workers for the most part applied themselves to their task, recognising the urgency of the case. The problem of reconstruction is no less urgent, but is not so readily recognised. It is gratifying to note that the author of this scheme has received numerous letters of approval from workers as well as employers, and every one who has the welfare of the Empire at heart will welcome the development of the idea.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Mail Delays.

It is a pity that the arrival of Home mails here is so irregular and that cases of mis-handling occur so frequently. We know that our Postmaster General and our Superintendent of Mails do all that they can to help the public in this important matter, but that they are at the mercy of officials elsewhere, notably at Singapore. Our friends in the southern Colony will soon think that we are always finding fault, but there was every justification for what we published yesterday.

The early and regular delivery of mails is so important a matter that a very careful study of a ship's route, speed and ports of call should be made before mails are put aboard, but recently the Singapore postal authorities have made some serious errors of judgment. The Hongkong Government has already addressed the southern administrators on this question and we suggest that another reminder would not be out of place. It might be said that we are prone to grumble without realising the difficulties that have to be contended with, yet it is only by pointing out these errors that we can hope for an improvement—an improvement for which there is obvious room. Our own Post Office has not always been the smooth working institution that it now is, and to those who have grumbled in the past must go the present generation's thanks. The arrival of a Home mail is a pleasurable and important event, and anything that tends to delay it must earn for itself the clearly expressed disapproval of a disappointed public.

Harbour Development.

We are hearing quite a deal these days about various schemes for the development of the commercial side of the harbour. There is the big North Point scheme (which is going to take away our bathing beach); there is the scheme for Kennedy Town, which will not be under way for a long time, apparently; there is the Praya East Reclamation; the promised development of Cheung Sha Wan; and now the Kaitan Mining Administration's project at Laichikok, particulars of which we were enabled to give yesterday. This latter scheme is one of no little importance to shippers, for if wharfage is provided solely for coaling purposes it will do away with the large amount of bunkering from lighters, attended as that is with many obvious drawbacks. The aim of every big Port should be to give the very best service possible. The big oil Companies have already studied the question of liquid fuel, and within a measurably short space of time ocean-going liners burning liquid fuel will be able to go alongside at Laichikok and bunker all they require. It is only right that coal-burning ships should be able to do the same kind of thing and if the Kaitan Mining Administration can provide wharfage accommodation together with improved bunkering apparatus it will have rendered the Colony a service besides having improved its already high standing. The completion of the scheme will take some time, but it is encouraging to know of its conception.

President Wilson.

Very soon the interest of America will centre on the question: "What is President Woodrow Wilson going to do after March 4 when he retires? Is he to be the second Sage of Princeton, in the classic groves from which Grover Cleveland addressed his countrymen from time to time after his retirement? Or, if health is restored to him, will he, like Taft, accept a professorship in a college, and go about the country lecturing to his fellow-Americans—a professor-at-large, so to speak?" Obviously, in him there dwells not the spirit of adventure that sent Theodore Roosevelt to the African jungles and later to the trackless interior of South America and still later into another contest for the presidency. Rather, more than likely, says an American pressman, Wilson will devote himself to writing, and from his pen the nation may expect the most notable contribution to the history of the times in which statesmanship played so prominent a part as he.

Only one president returned to public life after quitting his office. John Quincy Adams, retiring from the presidency in 1829, returned to Washington in 1831 as a member of the House of Representatives, at the age of 64. As a champion in Congress of the anti-slavery movement, he incurred the wrath of slave-trading interests.

DAY BY DAY.

THE MORE HONESTY A MAN HAS, THE LESS HE AFFECTS THE AIR OF A SAINT.—Larmer.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The French cruiser *Désaix* arrived from the North this morning, and exchanged salutes with the port.

A Chinese woman was rendered unconscious by a fall from a moving tramcar in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday.

There will be a Tea Dance at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday December 21st, for members and their men friends.

We are asked to remind our readers of the Popular Lecture to be given by Mr. A.H. Crook, M.A., F.R.G.S., at the Helena May Institute on Friday, the 17th December at 5.30 p.m.

A Chinese who was yesterday caught in an attempt to smuggle two tins of German dyes into the Colony from Canton was this morning charged before Mr. N.L. Smith, who imposed a fine of \$25.

A sale of work is to be held at the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, on Saturday afternoon, to be opened at 3 p.m. by Lady Stubbs. It is hoped to secure enough money to help a child in the Victoria Home, the Blind Home and the poor children in North China suffering from famine.

Harbour Development.

This evening a social gathering is to be held at the Catholic Men's Club, commencing at 5.30 p.m., when Miss Elfrida Osnund, is to present the shield won by the Catholic Men's Club in the recent triangular billiards contest between that Club, the Lusitano Club and the Club da Recreio.

The Hon. Mr. A.G.M. Fletcher, C.B.E., and the Hon. Mr. E.R. Hallifax, O.B.E., are to be entertained to dinner at the Kam Ling Hotel on Tuesday, 23rd, by certain members of the Chinese community on the occasion of their departure on leave of absence. H. E. the Governor will attend the gathering.

By uttering a false order a Chinese boy succeeded in obtaining twelve tins of condensed milk from a confectioner's shop at the Central Market; but, practising the trick once too often, he was caught and handed over to the Police. A sentence of six weeks' hard labour was inflicted on the culprit this morning by Mr. N.L. Smith.

Last evening, at the Union Church Hall, a meeting was held to say farewell to the Rev. G.J. Williams, who is shortly leaving after acting as *locum tenens* during the absence on leave of the Rev. J. Kirk Macanachie. There was a large attendance, presided over by Mr. J. L. MacPherson, who expressed deep thanks to Mr. Williams for his work as pastor. During the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Williams were presented with a silver-mounted blackwood tray on a folding stand, bearing a representation of Union Church in silver. Mr. Williams suitably replied.

A meeting of Chinese residents, presided over by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-Pak, was held at the Tung Wah Hospital for the purpose of discussing the proposed establishment of the rider main and water meter system and the proposed amendment of the building regulations. The Chairman announced that information obtained from Government quarters indicated that the rider main and water meter system would not be put into force and that the revenue expected therefrom (\$200,000) would be secured by a slight increase in rates and taxes. A committee was appointed to call a meeting of house owners to consider the proposed amendment of the building regulations.

History says he laboured thus for liberty "amidst scorn and derision and threats of expulsion and assassination." He was stricken while rising to address the House after serving as representative 17 years. He died two days later, aged 81, having achieved greater distinction in Congress than in the presidency.

AVIATION NOTES.

(By "Meteorite.")

The safe return of the Alaskan flying expedition from its 9,000 miles flight from Nome back to New York has been hailed by our American friends as afeat the merits of which, in view of the difficulties presented, make the parallel achievements of the transatlantic and Cape-to-Cairo flights assume a humbler aspect. In this view they recall several instances in support, to the effect that unlike the African transcontinental, which in the case of one aviator necessitated the replacing of a motor and much delay and inconvenience before reaching his destination, in the Alaskan flight, on the other hand, "thanks to the efforts of the Commander Capt. St. Clair Street, and the personnel of his party, despite discouraging delays and the worst possible weather conditions, the expedition pushed on and on, flying successfully the same planes with the same motors a distance of 9000 miles, with scarcely a change of spare parts or equipment throughout."

Allowing for the natural burst of enthusiasm which the safe accomplishment of this expedition reasonably expects, the average individual cannot be blamed if he thinks that such comparison is invidious, in view of its complete disregard into the all-important factor which is so effective in these pioneer efforts. This is the provision of landing facilities in respect of which the Alaskan flight stood to better advantage than the African transcontinental, though in both cases the difficulties and perils presented by the pioneer conditions of the courses are almost identical; and that being so, should not detract from the merits deserved by the one or the other. Further, as a point of fact, it should be stated that though the mileage attained by the Alaskan expedition is greater than that of the African flight, most of the course—to be precise 7000 miles—was flown over civilised territory where the provision of landing facilities had reduced the risks for these American airmen to a minimum.

The American enthusiasts I mentioned above went on to make comparisons in this strain: "Compared to the non-stop flight made by the Englishman, John Alcock, which gained for him recognition from the British Government in the form of knighthood, most fliers will agree that the Alaskan flight is a greater feat. Alcock's undertaking, though marvelous and unprecedented, was, to a certain extent, a wager wherein the stakes and the odds were great, but the effort was only 16 hours continuous flying with the chance of a failing motor. The Alaskan flight was a steady grind of over three months' duration. Only those who have flown on expeditions of this nature can appreciate the state of mind of the pilots as they awoke each morning to realize the hazardous undertaking they had attempted the and long day's flight over uncharted airways before them," and again:

"Compared to the flight of the N.C.-4 across the ocean, the Alaskan expedition ranks high. Commander Reid had only one landing to make, at the Azores. Commander Street and his men were compelled to land fifty times on strange fields and, in one instance, on wholly impossible ground." To successfully reach these fields was a big task in itself, but to land an airplane without crashing was a problem that did not appear in the N.C.-4 flight. It took skill, courage and determination to fly from New York to Erie. It took superhuman qualities of this nature to fly to Nome and back."

In his enthusiasm this critic appears to have lost sight of one circumstance which he had previously admitted, that the greater part of the flight was flown over territory where the American and Canadian Governments had taken pains to chart and prepare landing grounds for the squadron. Nature is perhaps to blame for not having seen fit to provide in the Atlantic Ocean as many landing grounds as those in the New York-Alaska route, otherwise I have no doubt that Alcock and Reid would gladly avail themselves of their use, and thus lessen the great risks of a non-stop trans-oceanic flight. To contend therefore that those transocean flights were not attended with as much risk as those over terra firma,

MOTOR NOTES.

Another Batch of Useful Hints.

The clips which hold the springs to the axles should be inspected frequently and kept tight. A loose clip may cause a spring to break easily.

When the motorist suspects too much oil is being consumed by his car, he should inspect the rear crankshaft bearing. A loose fitting bearing may permit oil to work out and thus increase its consumption.

With the approach of cold weather it is well to remember that a much lighter grease in the transmission and rear axle can be used. If the grease is too heavy it will not work into the bearings and gearsets. Some engines also require a lighter oil in winter than in warm weather.

The motorist who does not use his machine for several days will find that, on starting out with it, the gasoline will be slow to ignite. This is partly due to evaporation and partly to chemical changes in the gasoline that took place while the car was not in use.

Never permit too much loss motion in the steering wheel. All parts of the steering apparatus from the wheels back should be kept tight and properly adjusted. It means easier control and greater assurance of safety.

Constant use causes the interrupter points to become pitted with oxide and results in poor ignition. Touch the points with a so-called "emery board," used for manicuring, which will clear away the oxide and assure good ignition.

One operation that should be repeated zealously after every 1000 or 1500 miles the automobile has been driven is to drain the engine of all oil, give it a thorough cleaning and refill with fresh oil. At the end of 2500 miles service, a tire should be deflated, dismounted and cleaned of all soapstone and grit. The rims should be cleaned of rust and painted.

An automatic safeguard against overheating was recently invented by a car owner. The ground for the ignition current was made by soldering a copper wire to the top of the rear cylinder. When there is too much heat, the solder melts and the engine automatically stops.

There will soon be no excuse at all for not owning a motor car for one has come out in England that is within the "poor man's" range. Reports say the Carden Company of Ascot have produced a two-seated machine for £100. It is said the machine can go 45 miles an hour and can climb any hill. To avoid complication of belt, chain or friction transmission, Captain Carden, its designer, has placed the eight-horsepower, two-stroke, twin engine at the back with the main shaft serving the double purpose of being shaft and axle on one.

is to draw up a ridiculous comparison which takes no account of the fact that unlike his land prototype, the transatlantic flyer has not the choice of landing when he desires to, and is confronted with the alternative of either completing the distance within the allotted amount of fuel at his disposal, or making a disastrous landing in mid-ocean without the prospect of an early rescue and exposed to the dangers arising from the circumstance of his plight. That the Atlantic flyers succeeded in accomplishing the unexpected, through exceptional navigation skill and personal endurance, was entirely of their own agency, and not to any absence of great risks.

On the other hand, the Alaskan aerial explorers, with time and facilities at their command, could take the air when they deemed the occasion propitious, and were not forced into extending their flight into the night, a course which, it is shown they did not have occasion to adopt. No doubt they had had difficulties in effecting landings, but the fact that they did negotiate all these safely, was an indication that the risks after all were not so great as to warrant a depreciatory criticism of the ocean flights. In regard to the meteorological factor, the conditions are more plainly in favour of a land flight than those at sea.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Although Gretna Green looms large in the romances of runaway couples of older times, and even to-day crops up now and again—it was mentioned in the Bamberger case—it is not to be supposed that this is the only place where the nuptial knot was expeditiously tied—with no questions asked—within living memory. Coldstream, Paxton Toll, Lamberton Toll—to mention only the principal places—were quite as popular in their day, and were, moreover, very serious rivals both to Gretna and to regulation marriages in a church writer "A Borderer." Nor is it to be supposed that these Border ceremonies were all clandestine marriages; far from it. In the valley of the Coquet, and to its north, there has been for centuries a strong Presbyterian element, of that particular doir kind which made marriage in an Anglican place of worship almost the last thing to be thought of. A glance at the map of Northumberland will show Rochester—a hamlet on Wa ling Street, and a few miles north of Otterburn, of historic fame. From this place at least one couple—not runaway couple, be it understood—went via Rothbury, Longframlington and over the wild Rimsdale moors to Wooler and thence to Lamberton Toll, to be united, rather than go to Felton to be wed in the parish church, which would have shortened their journey by at least 50 miles. Another couple living at Longframlington—only 4 miles from church—preferred to walk to Lamberton, a distance of 40 miles, where they were promptly made one by the obliging minister, one Alexander Davidson. So popular did these Border marriages become among the Northern Counties that quite a number of men laid themselves out to act as ministers.

A much-talked-of book of "political portraits" has ventured the opinion that since Napoleon there has never been a personality so publicly known and discussed as Mr. Lloyd George. It would be interesting to know how far this opinion squares with the facts. It is at least a considerable claim. Fame is one of the most difficult things to estimate. Sir M. E. Grant-Duff has left it on record that, just before the end of the nineteenth century, a party at dinner had talked much of Mr. Gladstone. At last a young person who had been listening with a puzzled expression whispered to his neighbour, "But who was Mr. Gladstone?" The great and obvious difficulty is that every age thinks that its own prominent personalities dwarf all others. We cannot compare the interest excited by Mr. Lloyd George with that excited by Bismarck, because we have no idea how long people will go on discussing Mr. Lloyd George. We know at least that Bismarck's reputation has been discussed long after his death.

Other names suggest themselves. Can it be that Mr. Lloyd George has roused that continual world speculation which raged round the personality of the third Napoleon for at least twenty years? Read the memoirs—any memoirs—of the middle nineteenth century and the space filled by "Napoleon the Little" leaps to the eye. Is Mr. Lloyd George's fame greater than was that of Gladstone in his prime? Will he be remembered as Mazzini is remembered? Was even Palmerston less talked of by his own contemporaries? In one thing Mr. Lloyd George has the advantage; improved communications have made the world smaller.

Ninety years is a long time, yet it will be hard for theatre-goers and others to realise that as recently as 1830 bay was still brought to the Haymarket; just outside His Majesty's Theatre. In that year the heart of West-end theatre-land lost its sweet-smelling and countrified market, the Cumberland Market, just off Hampstead-road, being opened to take its place. The fact is recalled by the holding of St. Pancras Charities Fair in Cumberland Market.

Lincoln has been hoisted from his temporary pedestal opposite Westminster Abbey, and once more shrouded in tarpaulin sheets.

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"Pussyfoot" Johnson Says is Going "Dry."

"I am surprised at Scotland," Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson told the *Daily Sketch* when he returned to London from his whirlwind campaign north of the Tweed.

"But you have heard of their national beverage?" he was asked.

"Quite," he smiled; "that is why I was surprised—at the huge crowds that

attended our meetings honestly anxious to hear our side of the case."

"And listen," he continued, "a great big part of this Scotland going dry; you can tell the pride that as a positive fact."

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outlook was "stormy." Three of these meetings were broken up, and the other two interrupted but the disturbance every time was organised by the "wets."

"It was amusing," he added reflectively, "to see how they dropped the argument that I was a foreigner when two equally enthusiastic Americans—a man and woman, appeared as speakers on their side."

Summing up the situation now I have returned, I say the "dry" campaign in Scotland has been remarkably successful.

TOLD THEM THE TRUTH. "Hundreds of questions were asked, but with the exceptions I have mentioned they showed a genuine desire to hear the truth about prohibition. And we supplied the information."

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THE BUSINESS MAN'S LIBRARY.

Success of a Manchester Municipal Venture.

The Manchester Commercial Library has entered on the second year of its existence. Although one of the youngest of municipal ventures, it has already established itself as an invaluable asset to the business and commercial life of the city.

In its first year the library has had nearly 70,000 visitors. For the most part they were representatives of business firms seeking more or less specialised information bearing on their own commercial problems, though there have been others—including parties of boys from the Grammar School and students from Didsbury—whose interest was more akin to curiosity. Business men from Australia, Canada, and the United States, who have called there in the hope of finding a telegraphic code, have been supplied not only with that but with much other information, and, according to their own testimony, they have found it very helpful.

Classified lists of the books and pamphlets that may be consulted in the library, which now number more than 3,000, are issued each month by the librarian. A dozen such lists have appeared already, dealing with such subjects as scientific management (on which the library has one of the best collections of books in Manchester), cost finding, accountancy, foreign trade, and advertising. Most useful of all, perhaps, is the vertical file, which already contains 100,000 clippings on every subject likely to be of use to the business man. The clippings are arranged on the Dewey decimal system, which admits of unrestricted subdivision and intercalation. The system is easy enough to understand, but for the unaccustomed visitor who does not feel at home with it the staff of the library undertake to find any item in the file within a minute.

A few typical subjects on which inquiries have been addressed to the staff—and answered by them—are given below:

The cost of production of the cotton crops in America.

The difference between the Federal and the State income tax in Australia.

The number of motor-cars registered in the United States during the past ten years.

The condition of roads in Argentina.

Descriptions of various textile fabrics.

The latest tariffs of Argentina.

INTELLIGENCE TESTS.

Queries for Nimble Wits.

"Write at the left-hand side of the second line in this page the letter in the alphabet that comes before the first letter of the first word, and the letter that comes after."

This is a typical example of the intelligence test that is being given to the thousands of temporary women Civil Service clerks under examination at the Crystal Palace for permanent appointments.

To answer the whole 14 mind-twisters in two minutes is a feat that calls for an elastic brain. The examiner blows a whistle and there is a great rustling of paper as the candidates turn over to the next page of mental leap-frog.

Here is another example of thought-jazz. On the paper are printed two letters—p.a. Underneath is written "If the tail letter comes first in the alphabet write the letter here, if the other letter comes first write the tail letter here."

Another idea is the missing-word competition. The candidates have to fill in the gap with what they consider the right word.

For example. As a monk is to a man, so is a—to a soldier." Again, four words are given, "Room, ceiling, chimney, wall," and the candidate has to draw a line through the three words that are a part of the whole of the fourth.

"It was like a missing-word competition in a newspaper," said one of the candidates, a woman of 45. "It is 30 years since I have been to school. I found these intelligence tests very amusing, but I could not finish them all in the time."

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

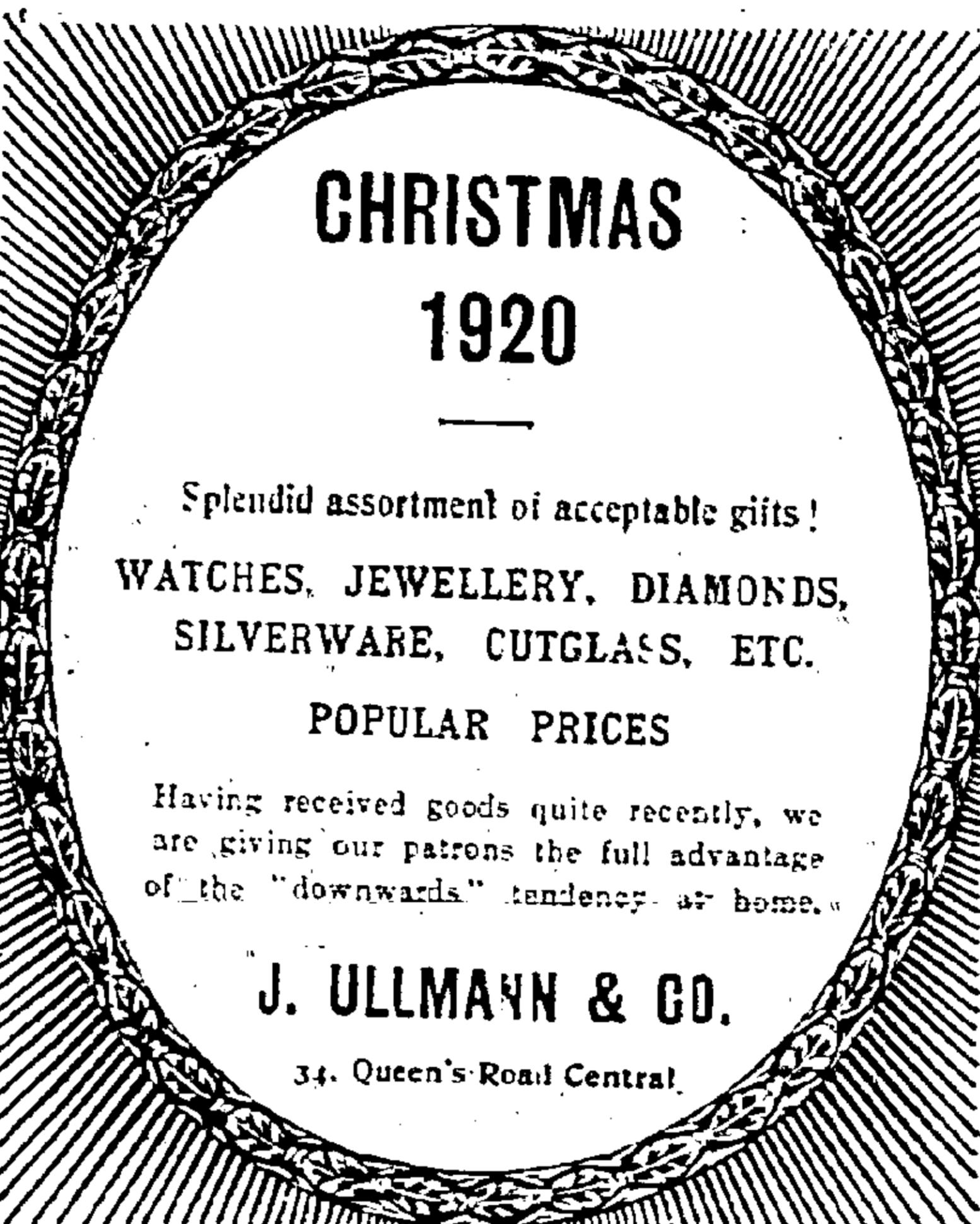
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Objects to Mr. Lloyd George's "Snarl."

In an article in the *Tagesche Rundschau*, Admiral von Tirpitz

exhorts the German people to cast off the spirit of servility towards the Entente and to cultivate national self-respect.

"The main cause of our present desperate situation," he says, "lies in the method which began with our declaration of wrong-doing against Belgium, continued with the Reichstag peace resolution of July, 1917, that entailed the loss of the war and found its grotesque culmination in the autumn of 1918."

"If we had shown our enemies," he says (as quoted by Reuter from Berlin) "that there were limits to the humiliations to which a conquered people could be subjected, President Wilson could never have joined in imposing the armistice conditions nor would Mr. Lloyd George, at Spa, have been able to snarl at the German Imperial Chancellor as if he were a she-bear."

The admiral himself has no objection to living to see the sunrise on the German horizon, and doubts even whether the present generation will see it.

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SOME FANCY DRESS SUGGESTIONS.



The fancy dress seen on the left consists of white paper, with a rickrack border of red, yellow and blue, forming the bodice and a short bodice. A quartet of paper flowers is the girdle, and there is a round shoulder shape on the lower garment. The skirt is of plain blue heavy paper, with a band almost the length of the skirt.

Nest is a dainty tea gown all of orange paper. The skirt has three flounces. The sleeves start out to be regular Chinese sleeves, but end in flowing paper ribbons, reaching to the hem of the skirt.

The girl in the center is dressed in a check costume of white, with a white paper ruff about her neck, and a high felt cap on her head. Just off center are two more suggestions of paper fringe trim; the one on the right is very simple. Black paper fringe trim is the more suggestions of sleeves. Black pompons decorate the high paper belt and white outlines the seams of the short skirt.

Last is a paper bathing suit. It's pale yellow as to background, and has great splashes of green in the shape of conventional flowers near the hem and at the waistline. Green petals on the yellow encircle the hem and neck. Severe there are none, but a frilly green cap there most certainly is trimmed with a big yellow flower in front.

Modes of the Moment.

Over little silken frocks this winter women are wearing sack coats of three-quarter length made in warm blanket cloth embroidered and trimmed with fur. They have high collars which fall closely round the throat or roll back, and wide sleeves. Restaurant frocks for dinner have charming little hats to go with them. A velvet dress with a skirt made of metal lace will have a torque to match. Short sleeves are permitted, but not a low decolletage.

The longer skirt, slim and draped, is being suggested to the leaders of French fashion, and although it will not find its way into popular favor this winter, the longer skirt will gradually but surely become the fashion for all occasions but the most practical. The specimens to be seen up to the present show skirts of unusual lengths; some are long at the sides, others at the back, and they all look as much like coats as dresses, and show little shape at the waist.

EMBROIDERY.

The passion for embroidery is one of the chief reasons why dresses are so expensive, but there is no question about its charm. The little chemise-dress, simple in line and made in plain serge or silk, becomes a work of art when it has one of the new apron fronts richly embroidered from the hem nearly to the waist. Another shows the whole skirt to above the waist all in embroidery, and only the top of the bodice, the high neck and long-sleeves quite plain. These embroideries are designed by some of the best decorative artists, and are pictures in themselves. Many materials are used, silk, metal thread, braid, ribbon, American cloth, feathers, fur, beads, and colored threads. Rich brocades are made richer by them and Indian cashmeres are made more gorgeous. Lace is dyed and embroidered, and silver and gold tissue are seldom used quite plain.

HATS AND SHOES.

The black hat dominates all others. In velvet, in panne, with fur, lace, or feathers, it is worn on all occasions. It is broad across the brow, with a drooping trimming over one ear, with a feather straying over the shoulder, or a ruff of lace half shadowing the eyes. The lines are soft but suggest flight, and are never heavy. Only the cloche with its ribbon bow on the brim is in the least "settled" in form, and even this can be slit into petals, or trimmed underneath to look arch. A plain black dome may have a jeweled

JOTTINGS.

TOILET SECRETS.

Brooch set in front, or on one side—the only ornament. Veils are always worn, but the short veil, not the long one, is in favour.

There is nothing sensible to tell about feet; they are being treated in the most frivolous way. They are clothed in transparent upon a handkerchief against the silk stockings, and shoes of the tips of the ears, and you will go through the fragility are put on over cool and fresh-looking all the same. They look fit to walk evening. Mix a little with water from the door to the car, but they use it as a friction douche for the arms to make them feel cool, tramp all over Paris in all and satin, and satiny-looking. A weathers, however high the heels, however thin the soles. Delicate teeth is excellent. As a skin tonic, grey clad legs with shoes to mixed with water in half match, slender black ones with quantities, it is always valuable. Thin kid shoes and pastie buckles, black sued, black patent leather, and some in black and white give the people sitting at the boulevard cafes something to look at.

Evening shoes are very dear. The sandal type of shoe is the most popular, and the richest brocades shot through with gold or silver are used. The shoes in gold or silver brocade, pure and simple, are becoming popular, chiefly from motives of economy. They suit practically any colour, brown, or black or white, wear well, and are becoming to the test. Buckles and decorations take all manner of forms, the favourites being little glittering butterflies of paillettes, tiny pin comb panels and points in the head diamond dewdrops, or most jumbled fashion. The effect coloured beads, while another liked least is that of having the novelty is the minute pompon of front of the skirt slightly lifted feathers which adorn debutantes' above the line of the rest of the hem.

NEW SHOE ORNAMENT.

Shoe ornaments reached such a pitch of originality last winter that designers seem to be unable to improve upon them this season. The only real innovation discovered so far is the tuft of cock's feathers dyed to match the gown that emerges from behind the paste buckle of brocade evening shoe and completely covers the instep.

JUMBLED HEMS.

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NEW NECK BANGLE.

The latest novelty in jewellery is the golden neck bangle, made exactly like the popular slave bangle. It fits tightly round the base of the throat and fastens with an invisible clasp. In fact, it only wants a golden chain attached to it to complete the idea.

ALL OVER EMBROIDERIES.

If one is richer, touch to buy some of the most expensive French fabrics for one's autumn and winter wardrobe, one is indeed lucky. Machine-embroidery of the most astonishing beauty decorates the serges and satins for afternoon and evening frocks.

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WHAT SHALL I SAY?

The Problem of Letter Writing.

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FASHIONS FOR YOUNG FOLK.

Bright Colours and Embroidery.

Bright colours are more noticeable in children's clothes than in those of adults. Tangerine, buttercup yellow, and light jade-green are firm favourites this autumn, while for materials jersey en taine, velours de laine, and blanket cloth have been chosen in preparation for the cold weather.

Velours de laine in a deep shade of tangerine makes a splendid little coat for a child with very dark hair. Cut long and straight, both back and front, it is trimmed with pearl buttons of the round variety, six fastening the coat at the throat and six closing it at the bottom. A small, straight belt, with two wallet pockets hanging from it on either side, holds it in place, while two stole-like ends hang down in front from the plain collar band, which are useful for scarf purposes in a bitter wind. A close-fitting velours hat in black is the right finish to this extremely smart coat.

Buttercup yellow is also becoming, and a model recently seen was cut on the kimono plan, the front folding to a point, where it fastened. The collar was deep behind, falling like a hood, and the coat could be worn slack and open or buttoned up, to the chin with equal effectiveness. Every edge was piped with black satin, and a big black button was used for fastener.

Walking frocks for children as well as grown-ups are seen just now and one, a little three-tiered skirt of velours de laine, had a plain tight-fitting bodice, long sleeves, and a small embroidered V. front.

School frocks are made for the most part in serge or gabardine, all in one piece. They are improved by an embroidery above and below the waist-line, a few inches in depth. An unobtrusive pattern in plain stitching, with points like mountain peaks, is very effective; carried out in bright silks, or a darning-pattern in wool makes a good decoration.

For the dancing class and evening festivities glace silk is used in a variety of light shades, while lace and tulle are much sought after for smart party wear.

SMART COSTUME OF KID.



The costume pictured above with its graceful lines, is a soft, tan-toned, dull-surface kid, as pliable as any cloth and a novelty besides. Its bodice is a dull, soft, red-drab with a striped grape colour and black for the pockets and belt. Narrow bands of the kid outline all the edges.

SLAVE BANGLES.

Slave bangles have altered their shape a little and many now have square edges. Others are made in a bamboo pattern. Wide bands of metal, beadwork are also worn above the elbow, many of them showing really beautiful designs and colouring. Agate and crystal bangles are also popular, and all kinds of bracelets, slave and other wise, are likely to remain with us so long as sleeveless fashions persist.

A DAINTY FROCK.



Above is seen a dainty rose-coloured taffeta afternoon frock.

FAMOUS CINEMA STARS.



IX: MISS ANNETTE WESTBAY.

When we consider how important letter-writing is in almost every sphere of life, it is the more amazing that so seldom is it done well. We speak of the person's "address," referring to general deportment in life, and a letter should convey some idea of this when an interview has to be conducted on paper. The handwriting of literary people is notoriously bad, though heaven only knows why it should be, and I suppose there are even yet those who consider it rather distinguished to be swashy. Poor handwriting is sometimes an infirmity of the brain, and may be overlooked, but the way in which some educated people put their letters together is altogether unpardonable.

It is a natural gift with some people to say the nice thing nicely, but probably we could all acquire it with a little practice. Some things which have to be said in a letter require very careful wording, and in such cases it is always advisable to make a rough draft. There is an old proverb which compares "news from a far country" to "cold water to a thirsty soul," and the right sort of letter is really refreshing to the receiver.

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ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS.

TINGALING'S RESCUE.

"You'll never find Tingaling in my house," smiled Oscar Owl as the twins stepped inside his front door in search of their fairy friend.

But Nancy and Nick were not so sure of that. Because something was sticking out of the corner of Mr. Owl's mouth which they had recognised as the tassel on Tingaling's night-cap.

Nick had thought of a plan at once and the first chance he got he whispered it to Nancy.

"What's that, what's that?" asked Mr. Owl sharply when he heard them talking, because like most people who don't see well, his ears were the best ever, and very little escaped him.

"Oh," said Nick, quite truthfully, "we were just wondering if you would like something to eat."

"Something to eat!" exclaimed Mr. Owl suspiciously. "What is it?"

Now Tingaling, down in Mr. Owl's stomach, was getting hotter and hotter and sicker and sicker. "My," he gasped. "I do."



"Green!" exclaimed the owl. "The colour is right anyway, it reminds me of frogs."

With I had the magical green shoes which the twins are wearing, I'd wish myself out of here in a jiffy."

It was just then that he heard talking—Oscar Owl and the twins, as you and I know—and he listened to every word, dancing a little bit of joy when he heard Nancy and Nick's voices. This gave Mr. Owl such a pain in his tummy he doubled right up.

"My goodness!" exclaimed he. "I've got dreadful indigestion. Oh, perhaps I'm hungry again. Never mind what it is you have, give it to me right away, children."

The twins pulled off a shoe apiece and held them up.

"Green!" exclaimed the owl. "The colour is right, anyway. It reminds me of frogs. Whatever they are, I'll eat them." And the shoes disappeared in two goblets.

Quick as a wink Tingaling grabbed them and slipped them on. In another wink he was down on the ground with Nancy and

(To be continued to-morrow.)

SHOPBOY'S MODEL AEROPLANE.

Acceptance by the Prince of Wales.

The Prince of Wales recently received at York House, St. James's Palace, Master J. R. Baker, and accepted from him a model aeroplane with which he won first prize in the junior section of a model-making competition promoted by Messrs. Thomas Parsons & Son, and organised in connection with the exhibition of famous war models for the benefit of the War Seal Foundation.

The Prince admired the model greatly, and said it appeared to him to be as near perfection as possible. He smilingly told the young model-maker that he knew something about it, because he had been frequently in the air, and would welcome an opportunity of going up again.

The Prince asked the young model-maker what he was doing, and was interested to learn that as a result of winning the first prize in the junior section of the competition, he had secured employment as a model-maker, and was doing very well. His Royal Highness asked the lad if he felt sure that he could spare his trophy, and whether his mother would not prefer to keep custody of it on his behalf.

On being informed that it was the maker's wish and that of his mother that the Prince should accept the model, His Royal Highness promptly consented, and said he would find a special place for it.

Master Baker was a shopboy near Tottenham Court Road, and gained his knowledge about aeroplanes by haunting the Hendon Aerodrome on Sunday afternoons, and carefully studying plans and illustrations of aeroplanes whenever opportunity offered. His tools were of the simplest possible description, and most of the work was done in his bedroom.

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